



ROSEMOUNT

SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND PROGRESS

November 8th General Election

CALENDAR

- **Sept. 23: Absentee Voting Began**
- **Oct. 18: Last day for voters to pre-register for General Election - online or at City Hall**
- **Please note:** If you have moved, changed your name, or have not voted within the last four years, you will need to register to vote. You can register to vote in-person at your polling place.
- **Nov. 1: Early Voting Begins at Rosemount City Hall**
- **Nov. 8: General Election - check your polling location at mnvotes.org**

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AT POLLING LOCATION

Please confirm your polling location prior to voting on Election Day as there have been updates due to redistricting. Voters can find their polling location online at: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

For more details regarding sample ballots, registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot or checking the status of a ballot, please visit our website or contact our City Clerk at cityclerk@rosemountmn.gov or 651-322-2003.

VOTING BY MAIL (ABSENTEE VOTING)

Residents may vote using an absentee ballot by requesting one, completing it according to the enclosed instructions, and returning it in the envelopes provided. Absentee ballots must arrive by Election Day.

Absentee ballots may be mailed to a voter, completed in person, or completed via agent delivery. Residents who are overseas or active military are also able to vote absentee.

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

All voters can vote early in person with an absentee ballot at City Hall, Council Chambers, beginning November 1st from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., November 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or November 7th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

You can track the status of your ballot and confirm that it was received and counted. Go online to: www.mnvotes.org.



Text the City!

Did you know you can text the city? Ask questions, report a concern, or find information about city services at your convenience. Start a conversation with our chat assistant, Lucky, by texting the word HELLO to (866) 283-7768. Lucky will respond immediately to let you know how they can help.

If at any time during your conversation you need help from City staff, you can send a message with Lucky and a staff member will follow up with you. This service is also available on our website by visiting www.rosemountmn.gov



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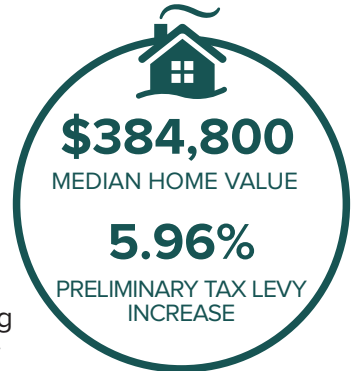
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Preliminary 2023 City Budget

In September, the City Council established its Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy for 2023. This certification is the culmination of months of work between staff and Council to craft a budget that is reflective of the City's growth and is an efficient use of taxpayer resources. Several factors affect the City's budget, including property valuation changes, increased need for services, and changing costs for the City's core operations. A median-value home in Rosemount is increasing 18.88% next year, rising to \$384,800. The City's tax base, or the value upon which taxes can be shared, is growing by 19.7%. These two factors, coupled with the infusion of nearly \$100 million in new construction last year, have allowed the 2023 Budget to have a minimal increase. The preliminary tax levy increase for 2023 is 5.96%, or approximately \$65 on a home that sees an 18% value increase. Homes with a smaller value increase could even see reduced City taxes next year.



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The 2023 Budget supports the hiring of additional police officers, an additional building inspector to respond to the City's growth, new turnout gear for our Firefighters to reduce their exposure to carcinogens and increasing use of technology within City operations.

As is the case each year, the City will establish the final Budget and Levy in December. Residents will receive notice from the County on proposed tax impacts in November, and you are encouraged to reach out to City staff with any questions when reviewing that info. The final budget hearing will be held on December 6, which is another opportunity to share input with the City Council prior to their final decision.



» REGISTER FOR SAFECAM PROGRAM

Do you have a surveillance camera at your home or business? If so, the Rosemount Police Department would like to invite you to register your camera in a *voluntary database* to help keep your neighborhood safe. Security cameras can be a great tool when solving crimes, but police are not always aware of who has this potentially vital information to help in an investigation.

Q: Does this program give Rosemount PD access to my security camera?

A: No. The SafeCam program is completely voluntary and does NOT provide the department with access to your security camera. The database will simply create a map of security cameras so that the police department can contact you if there is a criminal incident that occurs in the vicinity of your camera. Police personnel, if necessary, may request a copy of any video captured by your camera that could assist in the investigation of a crime. Opting in to the SafeCam program does not give Rosemount Police access to video footage until permission is granted by the home or business owner at the time of the incident.

Q: What type of video camera can be registered?

A: Any type of video surveillance camera is important; video doorbells, wireless video camera systems, and home security cameras are just some of the common types. When registering for the SafeCam program, you will be asked to provide the address and basic characteristics of the camera, not the brand or serial number.

Rosemount Police and Fire Department Updates

» Police Reservist Retires



Hats off to Reserve Officer Scott Wiig who retired in September after 16 years of volunteer service to the community. In total, Scott volunteered and served 1,880 hours! Scott's altruistic and compassionate character has been admired and respected. On behalf of the Rosemount Police Department, thank you for your service!

Are you interested in becoming a Reserve Officer? **The Rosemount Police Reserve** is a volunteer position that provides support services for the Police Department. Duties may include traffic control, event security, general city and park patrolling, and helping motorists. They are trained in First Aid, Use of Force, and other law enforcement matters.

If you are interested in learning about becoming a Reserve Officer, contact Sgt. Jeremiah Simonson at 651-322-3157 or apply online.

Learn more and register at
www.rosemountmn.gov/safecam.

Q: Is the SafeCam map available to the public?

A: No. The SafeCam map is confidential to law enforcement and will not be disseminated. Personal information will remain confidential and will not be distributed except as required by law or court order. Any video recording provided to the RPD pursuant to the Camera Mapping Program shall be subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Participants may opt out of the program at any time by calling the Rosemount Police Department at 651-423-4491.

» Changing of the Guard



Chief Schroeder,
new Asst. Chief Behrendt,
retiring Asst. Chief Voelker

In August of 1997, the Rosemount Fire Department took on 10 new members, one of those being Jim Voelker. It was apparent early on that Jim was in this venture for the long haul, as he brought a lot of energy and tenacity to the position. Being a volunteer firefighter requires a very

strong level of commitment, not only from the fire department member, but also from their family. Jim and his family showed that commitment to the department for 25 years and on September 30, 2022, Assistant Chief Jim Voelker put on his boots for the last time. We would like to thank Jim for his service and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement! Captain Tim Behrendt was selected as the new Assistant Fire Chief. Congratulations Tim, you have some tough boots to fill!

» Practice Your Home Fire Drill



Fires can spread through a house very fast and it is important that families take the time to talk about, plan, and practice home fire drills. A fire can start at any time of the day or night and your residence may look much different in the middle of the night than it does during the daylight hours. Take the time to make sure your escape routes and exits are clear of clutter and debris that could hamper or slow down your escape. More than 80 percent of families have never practiced a home fire drill. A good rule of thumb is to practice your home fire drill at the same time you replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms each year. It also is important to establish and identify a safe meeting place once everyone gets out of your house. Knowing where to go during a fire once you get out will help to ensure everyone goes to the same spot.

Find helpful worksheets, websites and videos to share with your kids by visiting our website and search keywords **Public Education**.

Welcome New Business!

Rosemount is excited to welcome these new businesses to town. To connect with our Community Development team regarding business opportunities in Rosemount, visit [rosemountmn.gov/business](https://www.rosemountmn.gov/business).



MR. WISH

WHERE: 3420 150TH ST. W, SUITE 105

WHAT: BUBBLE TEA SHOP WITH FRESH FRUIT TEAS



THREAD AND CLOVER

WHERE: 15094 CLARET AVE W

WHAT: BOUTIQUE WITH GIFTS AND CLOTHING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

NORTH 20 BREWING

WHERE: 12266 BACARDI AVE W

WHAT: HOMETOWN CRAFT BREWERY LOCATED ADJACENT TO A NATURE PRESERVE



INVEST in Community Safety

In the 2017 Rosemount Community Survey, and again in the 2021 survey, *overall feeling of safety* was ranked as one of the two highest priorities for our community to focus on. City staff is hard at work on a new Public Works/Police Department campus project to help ensure that we keep the safety of our residents' top of mind as Rosemount grows. This new campus will be constructed on land donated from the MN National Guard, just north of its maintenance facility on Biscayne. The state-of-the-art facility will provide much needed space for both departments, along with increased training opportunities, an emergency operations center, and greatly improved vehicle maintenance and storage options. Expect to see more details in our next newsletter, along with visuals of the building. We hope to host a groundbreaking event in late spring 2023.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

HOME DEPOT DISTRIBUTION CENTER

420,000 sq ft distribution center.

The shell of the building is nearing completion and operations are expected to begin in early 2023. This project is bringing 61 new jobs to Rosemount.

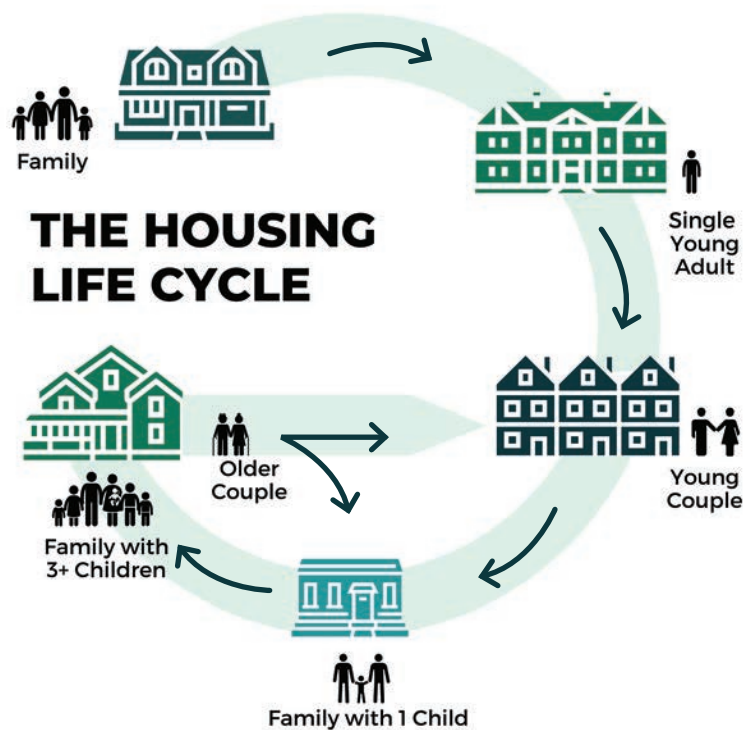


FEDEX DISTRIBUTION CENTER

600,000 sq ft distribution center.

The permit for this project was recently issued and initial foundation work is set to begin. This project is expected to take nine to 12 months and be operational by fall of 2023. This project will bring nearly 500 jobs to Rosemount.

Creating Community



AMBER FIELDS

We are seeing a huge boom in housing. In the new Amber Fields development on former UMORE land, we expect to eventually add 1900 housing units and several commercial developments. Currently, there are approved plans for 422 units of single-family homes and 811 units of townhome or multifamily units. This mix of life-cycle housing will ensure options so that people have a variety of options as they enjoy life as a resident in Rosemount.



FEDEX & HOME DEPOT WILL BRING NEARLY

600

JOBS TO ROSEMOUNT.

REBATE

Water Efficiency Rebates Still Available – Save Money & Conserve Water!

Rosemount was one of 37 cities within the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that applied and was accepted into the Met Council's 2022-2024 Water Efficiency Grant Program, which offers rebates to homeowners for upgrading to more water-efficient fixtures and equipment at their homes. Residents can apply to receive a one-time rebate on their water bill for installing WaterSense low flow toilets, Energy Star washing machines, WaterSense irrigation controllers, or conducting an irrigation system audit. Rebates range in price from \$50-\$200 depending on the product or service purchased and cannot exceed 50% of the pretax cost. Apply early as funds are limited. All receipts must be dated July 1, 2022 or after in order to qualify. Visit [rosemountmn.gov/rebates](https://www.rosemountmn.gov/rebates) for more information.

Call 9-1-1 for ALL in Dakota County

Maintaining accurate police records are very important for us to monitor issues around the community, assess staffing needs and manage response times. This is why we ask you to **call 911 for ALL police calls** – emergency or non-emergency.

Some examples of non-emergency calls to police would include a minor traffic accident, discovering a theft has taken place, property damage, parking complaints, animal control issues, noise, or an ordinance violation.

If you have other issues to report, such as a pothole, graffiti, park damage, or other city issues, you can use our Citizen Reporting Tool by clicking the **Report Issues** button located on the homepage of our website.



2023 Infrastructure Improvement Project Planning

The City is planning several street and utility infrastructure projects for 2023 and we are currently in the process of preliminary design. Informational meetings with property owners in affected neighborhoods will be held in the late fall and/or over the winter to share the draft plans, discuss the project timeline, inform property owners about proposed special assessments, and to answer questions. Our sights are set on having contractors begin work in these areas in the spring of 2023. Property owners in neighborhoods proposed for construction projects will receive a mailed letter with some initial information and an invitation to an informational meeting for their specific area. For a map showing these upcoming projects and links to preliminary project info, visit the Rosemount Map Depot at [rosemountmn.gov/maps](https://www.rosemountmn.gov/maps).

Before it snows... City maintenance crews are preparing the plow trucks and de-icing equipment for the upcoming winter. Before the snow flies, residents are also asked to prepare for the plowing season in the following ways:

- Keep all garbage and recycling bins at least 4 feet behind the curb
- Mark your curb lines to minimize sod damage, especially if you live on a curve. Wooden stakes can be picked up free of charge at the Public Works maintenance building (14425 Brazil Avenue) weekdays through November
 - If your sod is damaged during the plowing season, please email Public Works at pwadm@rosemountmn.gov or call 651-322-2022 to report the damage.
- Trim overhanging branches that may interfere with driver visibility and snowplow equipment – generally, limbs hanging over a street, trail, or sidewalk need to be trimmed up to 12 feet above the surface.
- Do not park on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. daily, or any time after a snowfall until the street is cleared curb-to-curb
- Verify that your mailbox is structurally sound and installed according to the following parameters:
 - Vertical post is set back 10 to 15 inches from back edge of curb
 - Bottom of mailbox is 42 to 48 inches off the ground
 - Front of mailbox is 0 to 6 inches behind back edge of curb
 - Front of paper boxes are flush with vertical post
 - If your mailbox was directly impacted by city equipment, please email Public Works at pwadm@rosemountmn.gov or call 651-322-2022 to report the damage.

The amount of time it takes City crews to complete snow clearing throughout town will vary from storm to storm, based on a number of factors, including intensity of snowfall, total snow accumulation, type of snow (wet and heavy snow versus light and fluffy snow, or if the storm includes freezing rain) and the timing of when the winter storm moves through the City. On average, our crew can complete snow clearing operations on the City's 130+ mile street system in about 8½ hours.



PUBLIC WORKS



Receive plowing notices on your phone

Visit our website to sign up for text and/or email notices regarding snowplow operations. You will be alerted when snowplowing will begin, with helpful reminders about parking restrictions and other important information. Go to rosemountmn.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on **Notify Me**. More winter maintenance information is available on our website at rosemountmn.gov/snowplowing.

Fallen Leaves: Best for Compost, Not the Curb

We remind residents that it is a violation of City Code to rake or blow fallen leaves, grass clippings, or other yard debris into public streets, where they can be washed down storm drains and degrade surface water quality. Please consider collecting your leaves and creating your own backyard compost pile. Alternatively, you may be able to arrange with your waste hauler for curbside collection of yard waste. For more information, please visit rosemountmn.gov/compost.

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» Pumpkin Collection, Nov. 4 – 6

When the festivities of Halloween are over, you may wonder what to do with your leftover pumpkin creations. Fortunately, the City of Rosemount will be offering a pumpkin collection the weekend after Halloween! Rosemount residents can drop their pumpkins in the containers on the north end of the lower City Hall parking lot any time from Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6. Painted pumpkins and pumpkins with excessive wax or another inorganic residue cannot be accepted and should go in the trash. Please do not put anything other than pumpkins or gourds in the container.



» Holiday Light Collection, Nov. 14 - Jan. 31

The City of Rosemount will be offering a holiday light collection this season! Rosemount residents can drop their string lights in the container near the Parks and Recreation Department at the Community Center or the Steeple Center lobby any time during building hours from November 14th, 2022 to January 31st, 2023. Holiday lights are also accepted year-round at The Recycling Zone, located at 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan. Please do not drop off cord adapters, plastic rope lights, CFL lights, or battery packs. Garlands, fake trees, statuary, and metal fixtures are not accepted.

